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Examiner : Blanchard, D.
Art Unit : 1641
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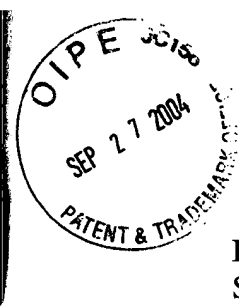
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 2004 please extend the period of time for response five months, to expire on September 24, 2004. Enclosed are a Request for Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

REMARKS

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 USC § 121, Applicant was requested to elect one of four designated groups as noted below:

- I. Claims 1-10 drawn to an in vitro method of inhibiting the proliferation of tumor cells with an antibody that binds both BCMA and TACI, classified in class 530, subclass 388.8.

- II. Claims 11-14, drawn to an in vivo method for inhibiting ZTNF4 activity with an anti-BCMA-TACI antibody, classified in class 424, subclass 136.1.
- III. Claims 15-23, drawn to method for inhibiting the proliferation of tumor cells with a multispecific antibody comprising two antibody components that bind BCMA and TACI respectively, wherein the anti-TACI antibody component does not bind the extracellular domain of BCMA, classified in class 530, subclass 387.3.
- IV. Claim 24, drawn to an antibody that binds BCMA and TACI, classified in class 530, subclass 388.1.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction Election, Applicant elects without traverse Group I, Claims 1-10. Claims 11-24 are withdrawn from the case; however, Applicant reserves the right to pursue and prosecute these claims in continuation and divisional applications.

Early action upon and allowance of this application are requested. If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6627.

Respectfully Submitted,



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